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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D.C. 20505

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable William P. Clark
Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs

SUBJECT: Protection of Classified Information

1. I have reviewed the draft National Security Decision Directive (NSDD) sent to heads of departments and agencies for formal comment by the National Security Council Staff Secretary. As I noted in my 28 April 1982 memorandum to you, I believe the proposed directive would be an appropriate vehicle for implementing the sound recommendations in the "Report of the Interdepartmental Group on Unauthorized Disclosures of Classified Information" the Attorney General submitted to the President on 31 March 1982. I believe the NSDD's provisions would be of help in better safeguarding intelligence information. I endorse favorable consideration of the draft directive by the National Security Council and its subsequent issuance by the President.

2. Two editorial changes in the draft would help avoid possible misunderstandings. Section 1.b of the draft uses "collateral" as a modifier for "classified information." Since "collateral" means different things to different people, I suggest rewording the expression to "other classified intelligence information." Section 1.c of the draft implies that only "officials" are to be governed by regulations on news media contacts. Use of the word "personnel" instead would remove any ambiguity and implication of different standards.

Signed

William J. Casey

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